

PUBLIC HEARING
June 25, 2001

PUBLIC HEARINGS were held on Monday, June 25, 2001, at 6:35 p.m. in the Assembly Room, Berkeley County Office Building, 223 North Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, to solicit public comment, written or oral, on the adoption of the Bill Nos. **00-78, 01-11, and 01-12**, for Zoning Reclassifications; and Bill Nos. **01-14, 01-15, 01-16, 01-17, and 01-19**, Special Tax District Budgets.

Present: Mrs. Judith K. Spooner, Councilmember District No. 2, Vice Chairman, presiding; Mr. Milton Farley, Councilmember District No. 1; Mr. William E. Crosby, Councilmember District No. 3; Mr. Charles E. Davis, Councilmember District No. 4; Mr. Steve M. Vaughn, Councilmember District No. 5; Mrs. Judy C. Mims, Councilmember District No. 6; Mr. Caldwell Pinckney, Jr. Councilmember District No. 7; Mr. Henry L. Richardson, Jr., Councilmember District No. 8; and Mr. D. Mark Stokes, County Attorney.

The requirements of the Freedom of Information Act have been complied with by posting of the time, date, place and agenda of this Public Hearing of Berkeley County Council at the entrance of the Berkeley County Office Building, 223 N. Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, published in THE BERKELEY INDEPENDENT, THE GOOSE CREEK GAZETTE, and THE HANAHAN NEWS on May 30, 2001, as evidenced by attached copy of Affidavits of Publication, and a copy of such notice was mailed to all Councilmembers and the News media.

Chairman Spooner called the meeting to order and stated this Public Hearing was to solicit public comment on the following Bills for Zoning Reclassification and Special Tax District Budgets.

1. Bill No. 00-78, an Ordinance to modify the official Zoning and Development Standards Map of Berkeley County, South Carolina, Re: Larry Miller, 1771 Old Highway 52, Moncks Corner, TMS #181-02-02-050 (0.4 acres), from R-2, Mobile Home Residential, to OI, Office and Institutional. Council District No. 8.

There being no public comments, the Public Hearing was declared ended at 6:36 p.m.

2. Bill No. 01-11, an Ordinance to modify the official Zoning and Development Standards Map of Berkeley County, South Carolina, Re: Vida Christy, 1484 Highway 52, Moncks Corner, TMS #162-02-00-016 (1.29 acres), from HI, Heavy Industrial, to CG, General Commercial. Council District No. 8.

There being no public comments, the Public Hearing was declared ended at 6:36 p.m.

3. Bill No. 01-12, an Ordinance to modify the official Zoning and Development Standards Map of Berkeley County, South Carolina, Re: William R. Phillips, Sr., 2573 North Highway 17-A, Bonneau, TMS #087-00-05-044 (1.7 acres), from CG, General Commercial, to F-1, Flexible District. Council District No. 8

There being no public comments, the Chairman declared the Public Hearing ended at 6:37 p.m.

4. Bill No. 01-14, an Ordinance providing for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002, for the Devon Forest Special Tax District operational budget; and to provide for the expenditures of the revenues received by the Devon Forest Special Tax District during the fiscal year.

There were no public comments; therefore the Public Hearing was declared ended at 6:37 p.m.

5. Bill No. 01-15, an Ordinance providing for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002, for the Pimlico Special Tax District operational budget; and to provide for the expenditures of the revenues received by the Pimlico Special Tax District during the fiscal year.

There being no public comments, the Public Hearing was declared ended at 6:37 p.m.

6. Bill No. 01-16, an Ordinance providing for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002, for the Sangaree Special Tax District operational budget; and to provide for the expenditures of the revenues received by the Sangaree Special Tax District during the fiscal year.

There were no comments on this Bill; therefore, the Public Hearing was declared ended at 6:38 p.m.

7. Bill No. 01-17, an Ordinance providing for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002, for the Tall Pines Special Tax District operational budget; and to provide for the expenditures of the revenues received by the Tall Pines Special Tax District during the fiscal year.

No comments were made regarding this Bill; therefore the Public Hearing was declared ended at 6:39 p.m.

8. Bill No. 01-19, an Ordinance providing for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002, for the operational budget of the Berkeley County Special Fire Tax District within the unincorporated portions of Berkeley County; and to provide for the expenditures of the revenues received by the Special Fire Tax District during the fiscal year.

Chairman Spooner asked were there any public comments?

Mr. Martin South of 117 Messina Street, Moncks Corner, stated several months ago he was approached by a number of people and asked if he would run for a position on a Fire Board that would represent five fire departments. In this case it would have been Moncks Corner,

Pineridge, Santee Circle, etc. Unfortunately, he found he was not able to represent them, and for information he is a retired fire fighter from the city of Long Beach California. He stated he could not understand some of the things that are happening here with the fire departments. Mr. South asked why does the County not have compensation insurance for the fire fighters? Also, why is it that on a number of occasions fire fighters are paying for fuel out of their own pockets, "to me that is ludicrous." He stated he understood that there was some kind of agreement between the Rural Fire Departments in the County and he can't imagine Council signing a contract before looking at it because there is nothing more horrific than to have to walk up to somebody's door and say, "I'm sorry Ms. Jane Doe but your husband is in the hospital and had been badly burned or died." Mr. South stated he would respectfully suggest that Council consider compensation at least for the fire departments that can't afford it. He stated there is a \$50 per taxable property fee to those fire departments within the district. If that is the case it seems that some of the citizens are being discriminated against because there aren't enough taxable properties within a specific area to pay the physical needs of these fire departments. So, if they are totally dysfunctional, why have them? He stated he had heard rumors of Moncks Corner Fire Department running out to Cross, Pimlico, Cordesville, etc., which is fine. However, if the fire fighters can't fight fires because they don't have the volunteers or equipment to do it with, there is no reason to have them. Mr. South asked were they familiar with the Public Safety Officer's Benefit Act?

Chairman Spooner indicated to Mr. South that Public Hearings were set aside to take input from the public. She suggested that if any member of Council would like some of the questions answered, the Committee that hosts the fire departments may want to meet to address those.

There being no further comments, the Public Hearing was declared ended at 6:46 p.m.

S/Barbara B. Austin
Clerk to County Council

July 23, 2001
Date Approved

AGENDA FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearings to solicit public comment, written or oral, will be held on Monday June 25, 2001, at 6:30 p. m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard following other public hearings, in the Assembly Room, Berkeley County Office Building, 223 N. Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, S. C. on the adoption of the following:

CALL TO ORDER

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ADJOURNMENT

June 20, 2001
S/Barbara B. Austin
Clerk of County Council